

and positive force. They shared the expectation that the U.S.-Japan friendship and global cooperation shall continue to grow stronger.

NOTE: An original was not available for verification of the content of this joint statement.

**Statement on House of
Representatives Action on Scientific
Research Legislation**

June 29, 2006

I commend the House for approving full funding of the basic research component of the American Competitiveness Initiative through the Science, State, Justice and Commerce appropriations bill. With this funding, the House has shown that it is committed to supporting the work of our Nation's most brilliant scientists as they study promising areas such as new energy technologies, supercomputing, and nanotechnology.

I appreciate the support of Chairman Lewis and the tireless and effective efforts of Chairman Wolf, and I commend the House leadership's work to move quickly on the centerpiece of our innovation agenda. I urge the Senate to join the House in passing this important legislation.

**Executive Order 13408—Amending
Executive Order 13381, as Amended,
To Extend its Duration by One Year**

June 29, 2006

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in order to extend by 1 year the duration of Executive Order 13381 of June 27, 2005, it is hereby ordered that:

Section 1. Section 6(a) of Executive Order 13381 is amended by striking "April 1, 2006" and inserting in lieu thereof "April 1, 2007".

Sec. 2. Section 6(b) of Executive Order 13381 is amended by striking "July 1, 2006" and inserting in lieu thereof "July 1, 2007".

George W. Bush

The White House,
June 29, 2006.

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NOTE: This Executive order was published in the *Federal Register* on July 3.

**Remarks at a Dinner Honoring
Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of
Japan**

June 29, 2006

Mr. Prime Minister and distinguished guests, Laura and I thank you for joining us tonight, and we welcome you to the White House. This room has hosted many honored guests, and tonight it also hosts a treasured friend.

Mr. Prime Minister, our strong friendship has grown out of the strong alliance between our two nations. Japan and America share a common belief in the power of freedom to bring hope to millions who have not known it. And we share a common commitment to meet the challenges of our time and lay the foundations of peace for generations to come.

In our meetings today, you have once again demonstrated the qualities of character that both the Japanese people and the American people admire. You have an optimistic view of the world; you welcome hard work and big challenges; and you are determined that your great nation will continue to make a positive contribution to our world.

Mr. Prime Minister, more than 25 years ago, the White House welcomed another distinguished visitor who shared much in common with you. Like you, he had great hair. [Laughter] Like you, he was known to sing in public. [Laughter] And like you, he won admirers in countries far from home. That man was Elvis. [Laughter] And Laura and I are looking forward to joining you tomorrow in our visit to his home in Memphis.

But tonight, Mr. Prime Minister, it's my honor to offer a toast to you and to our friends and allies, the people of Japan.

NOTE: The President spoke at 8:05 p.m. in the State Dining Room at the White House. The transcript released by the Office of the Press Secretary also included the remarks of Prime Minister Koizumi.